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Please amend the claims as follows. This set of claims is intended to reflect amendments to claims 1 and 7-10.

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1. [Currently Amended] A method to normalize the contractile response of an endothelially-compromised vascular smooth muscle cell to a vasoconstrictor agonist in a patient in need of such normalization, comprising administering a pharmaceutically effective amount of a CLC3 blocker, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

2-5. [Previously Canceled]

6. [Previously Amended] A method of claim 23, wherein the wherein the compound administered is 1-p- $\beta$ -dimethylaminoethoxyphenyl-trans-1,2-diphenylbut-1-ene, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

7. [Currently Amended] A method of claim 23, wherein ~~said endothelium damage is the result of~~ the patient has diabetes.

8. [Currently Amended] A method of claim 23, wherein ~~said endothelium damage is the result of~~ patient has had a surgical procedure.

9. [Currently Amended] A method of claim 23, wherein ~~said endothelium damage is the result or cause of~~ the patient has hypertension.

10. [Currently Amended] A method of claim 23, wherein ~~said endothelium damage is the result or cause of~~ the patient has coronary artery disease.

11. [Previously Amended] A method of claim 23, which further comprises administering a pharmaceutically-effective compound selected from the group consisting of: an anti-diabetes

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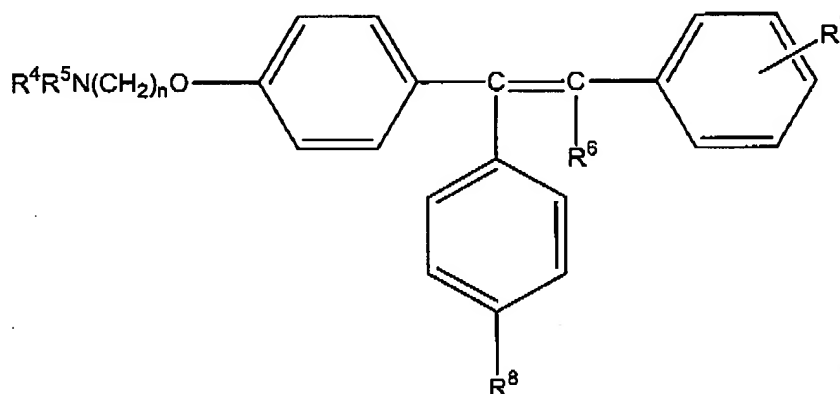
agent; an anti-hypertension agent; an anti-coronary artery disease agent; and an anti-restenosis agent.

12-13. [Previously Canceled]

14-21. [Previously Withdrawn]

22. [Previously Canceled]

23. [Previously Amended] A method of claim 1, wherein the CLC3 blocker is a compound of Formula I



wherein

either R<sup>4</sup> is H or a lower alkyl radical and R<sup>5</sup> is a lower alkyl radical, or R<sup>4</sup> and R<sup>5</sup> are joined together with the adjacent nitrogen atom to form a heterocyclic radical;

R<sup>6</sup> is H or a lower alkyl radical;

R<sup>7</sup> is H, halo, OH, a lower alkyl radical, or is a buta-1,3-dienyl radical which together with the adjacent benzene ring forms a naphthyl radical;

R<sup>8</sup> is H or OH; and

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or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

24. [Previously Canceled]